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Mozambique: draft resolution

Assistance to Mozambique following the devastating floods

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned by the unprecedented floods in Mozambique which have resulted in tragic loss of human lives and extensive destruction of property and infrastructure,

Also deeply concerned by the impact of the disaster on the economic, social and humanitarian situation in Mozambique,

Gravely concerned about the widespread destruction of crops which may lead to food security problems and loss of income,

Disturbed at the resulting lack of clean water, shelter and health care, and at the outbreak of diseases, particularly malaria and cholera,

Recognizing the efforts of the Government and people of Mozambique to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the flood victims,

Recognizing also that natural disasters constitute a major problem for development,

Aware that, to mitigate and prevent the consequences of this disaster, international assistance is required, both for emergency relief and for rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure,

Taking note of the appeal to the international community by the Government of Mozambique for emergency humanitarian aid and of the need for assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the disaster,

Also taking note of the appeal by the Secretary-General to the international community for aid and assistance to Mozambique in dealing with the effects of the floods,

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Further taking note of the Security Council presidential statement on the floods in Mozambique,

1. *Expresses its solidarity*, at this difficult time, with the Government and people of Mozambique in their efforts to cope with the serious consequences of the disaster;

2. *Urges* the international community, the United Nations and its specialized agencies and bodies, the international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations to respond urgently and to provide assistance to Mozambique in its relief and rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the disaster;

3. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Member States, international and non-governmental organizations, and private individuals and groups that are providing emergency relief to Mozambique;

4. *Requests* the relevant organs and agencies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to increase their support and assistance for building the disaster-preparedness capacity of Mozambique;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements to continue mobilizing and coordinating humanitarian assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government of Mozambique;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue mobilizing and coordinating assistance for the required reconstruction and rehabilitation of the infrastructure in Mozambique and to meet other needs for the normalization of the life of citizens;

7. *Encourages* the holding of an international donors conference to assist Mozambique in its humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-fifth session, under the item on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance, through the Economic and Social Council at the next humanitarian segment of its substantive session in 2000, on the collaborative efforts referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above and on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Mozambique.